

Application No. 10/761,449
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Amendments to the Drawings:

In Figure 3 the uppermost number "34" has been change to "35".

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Remarks

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2005 and is due on or before September 15, 2005.

Claims 1-6, 9, 13, 14, 16 and 17 were rejected as anticipated by Denz et al (Denz, USP 6,170,860). Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 10, 13-16 and 18 were rejected as anticipated by Hall et al (Hall) US publication 2003/0132624. Claims 1, 4 and 6-18 were rejected as anticipated by Niederman et al (Niederman) USP 6,338,498. Finally Claims 2, 3 and 5 were rejected as obvious over Niederman in view of Denz.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested for Claim 17, which is now incorporated into independent Claim 16. Niederman does not show a set of "restrictions" emanating from top uninflated portions of an air bag. Every portion of the restrictions 70 of Niederman is surrounded by an inflatable portion of his air bag.

Further, the prior art does not show a curtain air bag having joints, seams or restrictions as configured in the pending claims.

In view of the aforementioned, it is respectfully urged that the present application be reconsidered, the claims allowed, and the case passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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